

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that the publisher of a newspaper should not be a candidate for any office in the community. The publisher of the Commonwealth, however, has been elected to the office of Representative from the Fifth North Carolina District, to take effect January 11, Mr. Kitchin will be inaugurated Governor Jan. 12.

We greet our readers this week with eight pages, which for our Xmas number. Xmas shoppers are getting busy and they will find the business houses of Scotland Neck interesting places to visit.

Read THE COMMONWEALTH and come to Scotland Neck to buy your Christmas presents and "goodies." The stores are in a holiday attire and great quantities and abundance of stock await your choosing.

Two or three runaways entered the streets of our town during the past week. It has been suggested that the great improvements in the condition of our streets of late has been a great temptation to this class of people on the part of the quadrupeds.

The anniversary holiday edition of the Daily Reflector, of Asheville, which made its appearance last week, was prettily "blue sheeted and red starred." It is a most creditable edition and speaks well for the enterprise of The Reflector and the good town in which it is published.

The people of Charlotte, one of the best and most up-to-date of bustling towns in our State, are greatly on political and other issues, but they are all very together with all the spirit and energy of every faculty to boost and build up Charlotte. The same spirit will fill Scotland Neck to the hilt.

METHODIST-BAPTIST.

Two great conventions were held last week. The Methodist at Durham, presided over by Bishop A. W. Wilson, and the Baptist at Wilson, presided over by Prof. J. B. Curdile.

Both meetings were largely attended.

VAGRANTS AND VAGRANTS.

Last week as Mr. E. E. Hilliard was leaving a store on Main street a small but vicious dog bit him on the leg and inflicted a painful wound. Fortunately no bad effects resulted but the consequences might have been otherwise. Vicious dogs should be kept off the street.

There is a long list of "vagrants" in the canine family as well as the other kind of vagrants, and it is a debatable question which is the most "mischievous" to our community, but we can certainly agree on one thing—that both are a burden and a menace to our community and to our civilization.

Let's go after the "vagrants" and rid ourselves of this incumbrance.

After School Money.

Mr. David Stern, formerly of Scotland Neck, now one of the leading attorneys of the State, located at Greensboro, who has been engaged for several months as special attorney for the Guilford county board of education, in making an examination of the books and records in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court, has submitted a report giving it as his opinion that the school fund has lost a large sum of money as the result of the failure of the court of appeals, including the judges on the bench, the solicitor and the clerks, to perform their duty properly.

Mr. Stern is a bright young attorney, and with his aid the school board will make a thorough investigation.

Representative W. W. Kitchin, Governor-elect, has forwarded to Governor Glenn his resignation as the representative from the Fifth North Carolina District, to take effect January 11. Mr. Kitchin will be inaugurated Governor Jan. 12.

Hallifax News.

Reported to The Commonwealth, Halifax, N. C., December 15, 1908. Ferrall McMahon, of Norfolk, spent last Saturday in town.

John Livsey, of Rocky Mount, is spending this week with relatives.

Mrs. Kate Harvey, of Raleigh, is the guest of friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dickens, of Tidley, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dickens Sunday.

Mrs. George Moore and little son, Graham, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Otis Holloman, of Denton, N. C., were the guests of Mrs. W. F. Crippedge Sunday.

Miss Francis Sater returned home a few days ago from the western part of the State, where she has been teaching for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mullen have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gary. The young couple were married Nov. 24th, Mrs. Mullen being Miss Ida Andrews, of Providence, R. I. Mr. Mullen is a son of Judge Jas. M. Mullen, of Petersburg, and has made his home for some time at Rosemary, being a superintendent in the Rosemary Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen will reside at Rosemary after Jan. 15th.

Mr. Quinton Gregory, one of "our boys," a son of Mr. John T. Gregory, who for years was clerk of Halifax Superior Court, returned a few days ago from Hong Kong, China, where he has been for three years, connected with the American Tobacco Co. Mr. Gregory, before leaving New York, contracted with his Company for three years, and said the time did not seem so long as he was kept busy. He may go again he says, but no signing a contract for any specified time.

Capt. Mont Whitehead died at his home one mile from town on Sunday morning, Dec. 12th, at the ripe age of 70 years. Mr. Whitehead was very well known throughout the country having lived here practically all of his life. He was a friend to the poor and needy and was never known to try to extort money due him from those unable to pay. He was a pure type of that grand old Southern gentleman that is fast becoming extinct. Charitable, obliging, sympathetic, helpful and useful in time of extreme need, he had won many friends in different parts of the county that will testify to his good qualities.

Deceased leaves only one brother, Mr. J. A. Whitehead, who lives here, and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Tillery, of Richmond, and Mrs. Susie Rowlee, of Victoria, Va. He had four sons who preceded him to the great beyond.

The interment was at the family burying ground beside his loved ones, at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. L. G. Grady.

Trustee's Sale.

North Carolina Halifax County. By virtue of power vested in me by that Deed of Trust made to me on the 5th day of February 1906, by E. F. Gray, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in book 179 at page 451, to which reference is made, I shall on the 15th day of January 1909 sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., the following described land, lying being and situate in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit:

That tract of land known as the "Chas. Cooke Place" which was conveyed to B. F. Gray by Thos. N. Hill, Trustee of the estate of M. Ferrall, which land is described in a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 15th day of January 1888 by Chas. H. Cooke to Thos. W. Fenner which is recorded in Book 80 at Page 220 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, and in a Deed executed on the 5th day of April 1893, by said T. W. Fenner to said Thos. N. Hill Trustee as aforesaid; That portion of that farm lying on Roanoke River formerly owned by Peter E. Smith, beginning at a point on Roanoke River (J. N. Smith's line) thence alone said line South 28 and 1-2 West 262 poles to E. E. Hancock's line, thence with his line North 72 and 1-4 West 105 poles to a ditch, thence North 12 East 20 poles, thence North 22 East 320 poles to Roanoke River, thence down Roanoke River to the beginning and containing two hundred and twenty eight acres more or less, the same being a portion of the farm purchased by Sallie F. Smith from P. E. Smith and wife, Rebecca N. Smith.

Also all of the right title and interest of B. F. Gray in and to his mother's (Mrs. Mary E. Gray's) dower tract of land which said interest of B. F. Gray is one-tenth of said dower in the Home Place of the late Ben D. Gray which was set apart to Mary E. Gray as her dower consisting of about seventy-five acres more or less and the dwelling and other houses on the place and bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Mariah Kitchin, the late Mrs. Ellen S. Hawkins, Noah Biggs and others, on the East by the lands of Mrs. Mariah Kitchin, the Male Academy lot, Dr. J. P. Wimberley and others, on the South by the Dan Edmondson farm now belonging to the children of O. K. Taylor, and on the West by the land of Mrs. Mary E. Gray owned by her in fee-simple.

Time of Sale 12 o'clock. Place of Sale in front of N. B. Josey Company's store. This the 15th day of December 1908. HUGH JOHNSON, Trustee.

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Notice---Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain Deed of Trust executed to me by E. J. Norcom and his wife, E. D. Norcom which is recorded in Book 186 on Page 510, in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, I will on the 16th day of January, 1909, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for Cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

Being a three-fifths undivided interest in and to that tract of land known as the "Bill Watson tract" and being the same land on which the said E. J. Norcom and his wife, E. D. Norcom, resided on the 24th day of April, 1907, and bounded by the lands of the late Drew Braswell, J. T. Johnson and containing One Hundred and Seventy-five acres. This the 15th day of December, 1908. C. SPEED, Trustee. S. A. DUNN, Attorney.

Notice---Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain Deed of Trust executed to me by S. L. Simmons on the first day of January, 1908, which is recorded in Book 176 on Page 323, in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, I will on the 16th day of January, 1909, in the Town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for Cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

That tract of land in Halifax County, State of North Carolina, and in Rosemeath Township, known as the "Wommack Place" containing eighty six and one-half acres more or less, which was conveyed to Lloyd Simmons by G. K. Moore, adjoining the lands of Enoch Simmons, G. K. Moore, J. S. DeBrule and others. There is a splendid gin house and saw mill on this farm. The Boiler and Engine and other personal property will be sold on Dec. 26th, 1908, in Scotland Neck, N. C.

Also a one-third undivided interest in and to that tract of land in said Rosemeath Township, upon which the said Lloyd Simmons resided at the time of his death, containing sixty acres, adjoining the lands of J. S. DeBrule, Geo. DeBrule, W. S. Bradley and others. All this is well improved land. This December, 14th 1908. A. PAUL KITCHIN, Trustee.

EVERYTHING TO RUN A FARM.

On Thursday Dec. 31, at the Bullock Farm, near Leggett's, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property:

10 mules from 6 to 10 years, 1 horse, 25 head of cattle, about half of which milk cows; all excellent beef cattle. 1 yoke of oxen, 30 hogs and pigs, 100 barrels of corn, 17 stacks of fodder, 8 tons peavine hay, 1,500 bushels of cotton seed, if not sold before. 2 wagons and 4 carts, 4 cotton planters, corn and peanut planter, and other farm machinery and implements used on a 11 horse farm, including plows, hoes, shovels, etc., cultivator, mowing machine, rake, weeder, and 2,000 yds wire fencing, stable and cow manure, all sheltered; probably 75 tons. 12-10-08. E. O. WEEKS.

Thursday Night

December 17th.

Oyster Supper at Dawson Baptist Church.

The ladies of Dawson Baptist church will give an Oyster Supper Thursday night, Dec. 17th, for the benefit of the Church and Orphanage. Everything good to eat will be served and a good time guaranteed all Everybody cordially invited.

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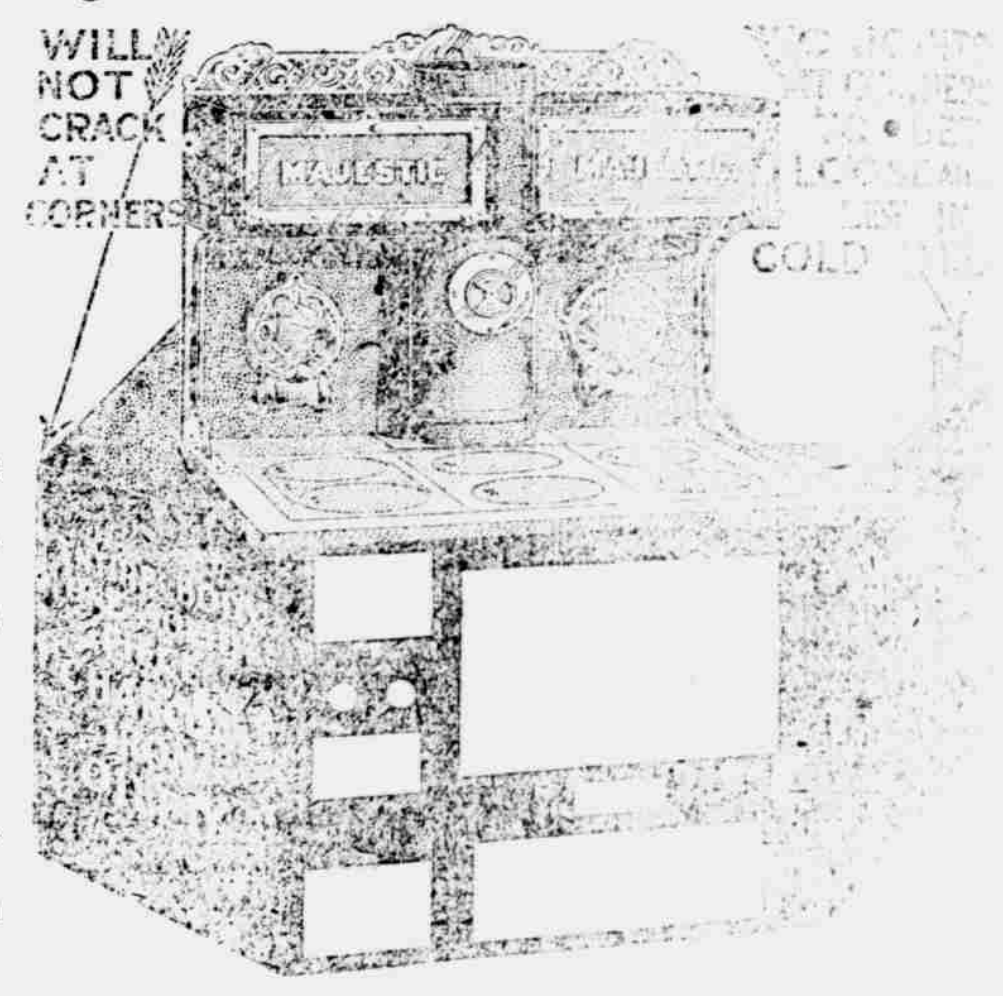
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